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To Whom It May Concern,

I have followed the case carefully and seen the effects of Microsoft's violation of anti-trust statutes. Microsoft has shown that it can't be trusted to not engage in this type of behavior. They had been brought before the

court previously and found guilty of similar behavior. This settlement does nothing to protect the consumer or competition from Microsoft's abusive monopoly.

Quite frankly, this settlement had no teeth. What happens if Microsoft finds itself again guilty of this behavior? What action will be taken and what is the penalty? I see nothing outlined. Do they just get to walk and be told "don't do it again"? What happened to punishment for prior actions? Do they just get away with putting companies out of business? Blatantly ignore the law and walk away?

I say this with the utmost respect. This settlement stinks.

Sincerely,
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